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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON ELIMINATION OF POVERTY
SUBMITTED BY MR. DE ALWIS, GOVERNMENT DELEGATE, SRI LANK.
BEGIN TEXT:

RESOLUTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF MASS POVERTY
THE EIGHTH ASIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL

LABOUR ORGANISATION HELD IN COLOMBO FROM 30TH SEPTEMBER TO
9TH OCTOBER, 1975,
CONVINCED THAT THE PRESENT TIME IS CRUCIAL TO THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER ENVISAGED
BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
BEARING IN MIND THAT THE COLOMBO DECLARATION AND THE
NEW DELHI DECLARATION OF ESCAP RESPECTIVELY, OUTLINED THE ECONOMIC
PRIORITIES FOR THE ASIAN REGION AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
REGION'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH AN ORDER,
DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT THE PREVALENCE OF MASS POVERTY,
AND UNEMPLOYMENT BOTH RURAL AND URBAN IN LARGE AREAS OF THE
REGION DENIES THE VAST MASS OF THE PEOPLES A FULL LIFE WHICH IS
THE AIM OF A JUST ECONOMIC ORDER,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THOSE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY TO
ERADICATE POVERTY AND WHICH SERVE AS CORRECT GUIDELINES TO
FUTURE ACTION,
RESOLVES THAT THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMMES IN THE REGION IS THE ELIMINATION OF MASS POVERTY
AND UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE STANDARDS OF LIFE
OF ITS PEOPLES,
CALLS UPON ALL MEMBER STATES TO UNDERTAKE AND FURTHER
IMPROVE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL PROGRAMMES IN SUCH SPHERES AS
LAND REFORM, FOOD PRODUCTION, RURAL AND URBAN EMPLOYMENT, WAGE
STRUCTURES, HEALTH, POPULATION MANAGEMENT, EDUCATION, THE USE OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND HOUSING BY THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLES
FOR A MORE EGALITARIAN AND HARMONIOUS SOCIETY, NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL, COMPATIBLE WITH THE REALISATION OF THEIR FULL
POTENTIAL,
AFFIRMS THAT THE FULFILMENT OF SUCH ASPIRATIONS IS
POSSIBLE THROUGH SELF-RELIANCE; SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL
RESOURCES, DEPLOYMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, ORGANIZED MASS
PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING RELATED TO BOTH THE PRODUCTION
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AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH,
REAFFIRMS THAT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION IS A
NECESSARY COMPLEMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE ESCAP REGION IN THEIR CONTRIBUTION
TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY,
INVITES, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR
ORGANIZATION TO GIVE IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION TO MEASURES TO BE
TAKEN TOWARDS THESE ENDS SO THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION COULD FURTHER BROADEN AND
INTE SIFY PROGRAMMES IN THOSE FIELDS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE
ORGANIZATION AND IN CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL
AGENCIES WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM,
RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOUR ORGANIZATION THAT IT CONSIDERS AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY
PROGRAMMES OF ACTION TO COMBAT MASS POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN
THE ASIAN REGION BEARING IN MIND ESPECIALLY THE FORTHCOMING
TRIPARTITE WORLD CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT. END TEXT DALE

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